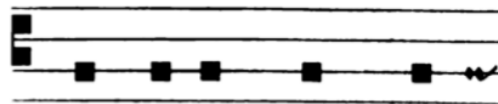


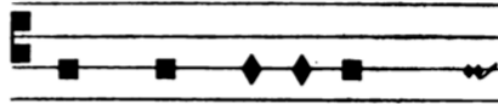


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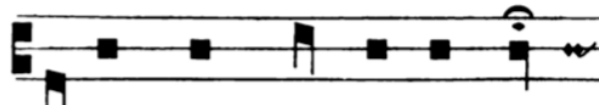


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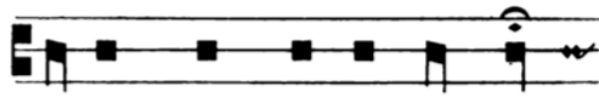
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SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

19<sup>th</sup> April 2026

6pm

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# CHORAL EVENSONG

*The Choir sing the INTROIT 'Bleib bei uns, Herr' by Michael Praetorius. Please stand when the bells are rung. A hymn is sung as the ministers and choir enter.*

1. Abide with me; fast falls the eventide:  
the darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide:  
when other helpers fail, and comforts flee,  
help of the helpless, O abide with me.
  
2. Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;  
earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away,  
change and decay in all around I see:  
O thou who changest not, abide with me.
  
3. I need thy presence every passing hour;  
what but thy grace can foil the tempter's power?  
Who like thyself my guide and stay can be?  
Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with me.
  
4. I fear no foe with thee at hand to bless;  
ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.  
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?  
I triumph still, if thou abide with me.
  
5. Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes;  
shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies:  
heaven's morning breaks,  
and earth's vain shadows flee;  
in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

*Henry Francis Lyte 1793-1847 alt  
TIS 586*

*The PRECES by Thomas Tallis are sung*

- V. O Lord, open thou our lips. *Here it is customary to trace a cross on the lips.*  
R. And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

V. O ✠ God, make speed to save us. *Here it is customary to make the Sign of the Cross*  
R. **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

*Here it is customary to make a low bow from the waist until the words '...Holy Ghost'*

V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
R. **As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen.**

V. Praise ye the Lord.  
R. **The Lord's name be praised.**

*The Officiant welcomes the congregation.*

*Please sit as the Choir sing the PSALM.*

[Psalm 3]

LORD, how are they increased that trouble me! :  
    many are they that rise against me.  
Many one there be that say of my soul :  
    There is no help for him in his God.  
But thou, O Lord, art my defender :  
    thou art my worship, and the lifter up of my head.  
I did call upon the Lord with my voice :  
    and he heard me out of his holy hill.  
I laid me down and slept, and rose up again :  
    for the Lord sustained me.  
I will not be afraid for ten thousands of the people :  
    that have set themselves against me round about.  
Up, Lord, and help me, O my God :  
    for thou smitest all mine enemies upon the cheek-bone; thou hast broken  
    the teeth of the ungodly.  
Salvation belongeth unto the Lord :  
    and thy blessing is upon thy people.

*Here it is customary to bow until the words '...Holy Ghost'*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son:  
    and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:  
    world without end. Amen

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah

[42:6-16]

I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness,  
I have taken you by the hand and kept you;  
I have given you as a covenant to the people,  
a light to the nations,  
to open the eyes that are blind,  
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,  
from the prison those who sit in darkness.  
I am the Lord, that is my name;  
my glory I give to no other,  
nor my praise to idols.  
See, the former things have come to pass,  
and new things I now declare;  
before they spring forth,  
I tell you of them.  
Sing to the Lord a new song,  
his praise from the end of the earth!  
Let the sea roar and all that fills it,  
the coastlands and their inhabitants.  
Let the desert and its towns lift up their voice,  
the villages that Kedar inhabits;  
let the inhabitants of Sela sing for joy,  
let them shout from the tops of the mountains.  
Let them give glory to the Lord,  
and declare his praise in the coastlands.  
The Lord goes forth like a soldier,  
like a warrior he stirs up his fury;  
he cries out, he shouts aloud,  
he shows himself mighty against his foes.  
For a long time I have held my peace,  
I have kept still and restrained myself;  
now I will cry out like a woman in labour,  
I will gasp and pant.  
I will lay waste mountains and hills,  
and dry up all their herbage;  
I will turn the rivers into islands,

and dry up the pools.  
I will lead the blind  
by a road they do not know,  
by paths they have not known  
I will guide them.  
I will turn the darkness before them into light,  
the rough places into level ground.  
These are the things I will do,  
and I will not forsake them.

Here endeth the first lesson.

*All stand for the Choir to sing the MAGNIFICAT, the Song of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

MY ✠ soul doth magnify the Lord: *here it is customary to make the Sign of the Cross*  
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.

For he hath regarded:  
the lowliness of his hand-maiden.

For behold, from henceforth:  
all generations shall call me blessed.

For he that is mighty hath magnified me:  
and holy is his Name.

And his mercy is on them that fear him:  
throughout all generations.

He hath shewed strength with his arm:  
he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

He hath put down the mighty from their seat:  
and hath exalted the humble and meek.

He hath filled the hungry with good things:  
and the rich he hath sent empty away.

He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel:  
as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed, for ever.

*Here it is customary to make a low bow from the waist until the words '...Holy Ghost'*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son:  
and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:  
world without end. Amen.

Then I saw in the right hand of the one seated on the throne a scroll written on the inside and on the back, sealed with seven seals; and I saw a mighty angel proclaiming with a loud voice, 'Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?' And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it. And I began to weep bitterly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it. Then one of the elders said to me, 'Do not weep. See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals.'

Then I saw between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders a Lamb standing as if it had been slaughtered, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. He went and took the scroll from the right hand of the one who was seated on the throne. When he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell before the Lamb, each holding a harp and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. They sing a new song:

'You are worthy to take the scroll  
and to open its seals,  
for you were slaughtered and by your blood you ransomed for God  
saints from every tribe and language and people and nation;  
you have made them to be a kingdom and priests serving our God,  
and they will reign on earth.'

Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, singing with full voice,

'Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered  
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might  
and honour and glory and blessing!'

Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing,

‘To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb  
be blessing and honour and glory and might  
for ever and ever!’

And the four living creatures said, ‘Amen!’ And the elders fell down and worshipped.

Here endeth the second lesson.

*All stand for the Choir to sing NUNC DIMITTIS, the Song of Simeon*

LORD, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace:  
according to thy word.

For mine eyes have seen:  
thy salvation;

Which thou hast prepared:  
before the face of all people;

To be a light to lighten the Gentiles:  
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

*Here it is customary to make a low bow from the waist until the words ‘...Holy Ghost’*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son:  
and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:  
world without end. Amen.

*Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis, by Charles Villiers Stanford in C*

*The APOSTLES’ CREED is said as all face the window of ‘Christ the Light of the World’*

**I BELIEVE in God the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth: and in *here it is customary to make a slight bow* Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried: he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy**

catholick Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection ✠ *here it is customary to make the Sign of the Cross* of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*The VERSICLES AND RESPONSES by Thomas Tallis are sung*

V. The Lord be with you.

**R. And with thy spirit.**

*All kneel*

V. Let us pray.

V. Lord, have mercy upon us.

**R. Christ, have mercy upon us.**

V. Lord, have mercy upon us.

*The LORD'S PRAYER is sung by the Choir and congregation*

**OUR FATHER, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done; in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. Amen.**

V. O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.

**R. And grant us thy salvation.**

V. O Lord, save the King.

**R. And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.**

V. Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.

**R. And make thy chosen people joyful.**

V. O Lord, save thy people.

**R. And bless thine inheritance.**

V. Give peace in our time, O Lord.

**R. Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.**

V. O God, make clean our hearts within us.  
R. **And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.**

*The Officiant sings the COLLECTS: the first of the Day, the second for Peace, and the third for Aid against all Perils*

ALMIGHTY God, who hast given thine only Son to be unto us both a sacrifice for sin, and also an ensample of godly life: Give us grace that we may always most thankfully receive that his inestimable benefit, and also daily endeavour ourselves to follow the blessed steps of his most holy life; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

O GOD, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that both our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee we being defended from the fear of our enemies may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

LIGHTEN our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

*Please sit as the Choir sing the Anthem, 'Blessed be the God and Father' by Samuel Sebastian Wesley*

*All kneel for the INTERCESSIONS, which conclude*

✠ **THE** grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

*The NOTICES may be given here.*

*Please stand to sing the hymn. A collection is taken up to support the parish's life and mission.*

**1. Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,  
naught be all else to me, save that thou art  
thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.**

2. Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word;  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
thou my great Father, thy child let me be;  
thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.

3. Be thou my armour, my sword for the fight,  
be thou my dignity, thou my delight;  
thou my soul's shelter and thou my high tower;  
raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.

4. Riches I scorn and the world's empty praise,  
thou my inheritance, now and always:  
thou and thou only the first in my heart;  
high King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

5. High King of heaven, after victory won,  
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
still be my vision, O ruler of all.

*Gaelic c. 8<sup>th</sup> cent.*  
*tr. Mary Elizabeth Byrne 1880-1931*  
*versified by Eleanor Henrietta Hull 1860-1935 alt*  
*TIS 547*

*Remain standing for the BLESSING.*

*Please sit for the ORGAN POSTLUDE.*

*Please join us for Cheese and Wine following the service*



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**TENEBRAE** *Tuesday March 31, 7:30pm*

**MAUNDY THURSDAY** *Thursday April 2, 7pm*

**GOOD FRIDAY DEVOTION** *Friday April 3, 10am*

**EASTER SUNDAY** *Sunday April 5, 9:30am*

**BACH CANTATA EVENSONG** *Sunday May 3, 6pm*

**SCHOLARS' SOIREE** *Friday May 22, 7pm*

**MIDWINTER COMPLINE** *Sunday June 28, 8pm*

**CHOIR SHOWCASE CONCERT** *Friday July 31, 7pm*

**CATHEDRAL EVENSONG** *Sunday September 20, 4pm*

**ALL SOULS' REQUIEM** *Sunday November 1, 7pm*

**NINE LESSONS & CAROLS** *Sunday December 20, 7:30pm*

**MIDNIGHT MASS** *Thursday December 24, 11pm*

**CHRISTMAS MORNING** *Friday December 25, 9:30am*

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